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SOURCE Newspaper correspondent with good contacts in the entourage of the ex-Grand Mufti, from an informant whose contacts in Egyptian Army Intelligence have known anti-Semitic bias.

1. During the week 2-8 November 1952, "Bikbashi" Yusuf Shugri of Egyptian Army Intelligence twice visited the Heliopolis headquarters of ex-Grand Mufti Haj Amin al-Husayni. The purpose of Shugri's visits was to enlist the aid of the ex-Mufti in Egyptian Government activity against Zionists in Egypt.
2. It is understood that Shugri used the following arguments to win the ex-Grand Mufti's support: Since the beginning of October 1952 a great many Jews have entered Egypt illegally, either directly from Palestine or from the Arab refugee camps. Posing as Arab refugees who have come to Egypt to ask for help, they are really plotting against the government of Premier Hajib. About 20 October, some Jewish agitators who were planning to instigate serious troubles before the American and British Embassies, and thereby bring discredit on Hajib's regime, were arrested in Cairo.
3. As a result of Shugri's efforts, the Arab Higher Executive has agreed to work with Egyptian Army Intelligence and will instruct its confidants in the refugee camps to watch for any future signs of Zionist activity directed against Egypt.

1. Washington Comment. No other reports show that there is any basis in fact for these arguments.

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